

WOW 2019 Missionary Bios

ABWE | www.abwe.org

For the last 90 years, the Lord has blessed ABWE (the Assoc. of Baptists for World Evangelism) with the opportunity to multiply leaders, churches and missions movements in over 90 different countries. While their heartbeat is to see healthy churches established and multiply in every nation, the ABWE family consists of missionaries serving in unique ministries across the world for the sake of Gospel.

- **Emily King** | (717) 839-8009 | emily@abwe.org
Emily was blessed to be born and raised in a Christian home and accept the Lord as her Savior at a young age. After graduating with a degree in English and Creative Writing from Washington College, the Lord lead her to serve at ABWE International. While she has been blessed to serve in multiple roles on the Mobilization team, she counts it a privilege to engage with college students and walk alongside them as they take the Gospel to the Nations.

AIM International | www.aimint.org

Africa Inland Mission seeks to bring the gospel to where it does not exist, towards Christ-centered Churches among all African peoples.

- **Ted Rurup** | (651) 414-1555 | ted.rurup@aimint.org
Ted and his family lived on a volcano in Northern Kenya, working with the Samburu people, and flying for AIM AIR. Then they spent several years in Nairobi working as a Media and Film Producer, also with AIM.

Christar | www.christar.org

Cultivates Christ-honoring transformation in communities where He is yet to be worshipped. They work all over the world using a variety of skills and vocations to plant churches among the least-reached regions of the world: areas where people have no access to a church that presents the gospel in their language and in a culturally relevant way.

- **Andrew Broekelman** | (785) 341-8172 | andrew@imi.org
Andrew has served as a mobilizer for 6 years speaking to over 25,000 college students on 150 campuses across the country. He is passionate about raising up a new generation of goers and senders to be a part of reaching those with little or no access to the gospel. He served among immigrants and refugees in Spain for seven months with his wife Abbie and has first-hand experience in 12 countries where Christar works.

CRU | www.cru.org/go

Cru seeks to give every college student in the world a chance to say yes or no to Jesus Christ. Sharing the gospel, then discipling those who trust Christ.

- **Joe and Maurita Hanford** | (949) 375-4495 | joseph.hanford@cru.org
Joe was saved 5 weeks before he graduated from college, so he has a huge heart for reaching college students with the gospel. Maurita and Joe just got married 3 years ago. He loves to surf and she loves to play piano and harp.

Frontiers | www.frontiersusa.org

Because Jesus loves Muslims, we send teams of professionals who are disciplinarians to the hardest, least reached peoples and places on the planet. God WILL get all the glory He deserves, and we want you to be part of the people that are burdened to see it happen.

- **Jim Stephens** | tim.s@frontiersusa.org
Jim is overjoyed at the work of God, in many cases His miraculous work, among Muslims in the world today. Taking his degrees in Biology/Env. Sci and Hydrology, he has been a helper to farmers on three continents and a disciple maker for Christ in the context of his vocation. He and his wife are mobilizers, coaches, speakers, mentors, and peacemakers for Frontiers in the Pacific Northwest.

International Students Inc. | www.isionline.org

International Students, Inc., exists to share Christ's love with international college students. Since 1953, ISI has been training Americans to meet international students' needs. These Americans befriend international students and help them adjust to American culture.

- **Matt Smucker** | (503) 420-2016 | msmucker@isionline.org
Matt has a passion for reaching international students and scholars with the love and message of Jesus. He is currently an Area Director with International Students, Inc. (ISI), supervising staff in the Willamette Valley of Western Oregon. Matt also serves as Pastor at Monmouth Praise Assembly. He and his wife, Holly, were self-supported missionaries in Taiwan for four years before being called back to Oregon in 2010. They have two biological daughters and a son adopted from Taiwan. They love to go on adventures, hiking and exploring new places together.

Mark 5 Ministries | www.mark5ministries.org

Mark 5 Ministries (M5M) was founded in 2008 to meet the computing technology needs of Christian workers outside the United States. M5M has helped more than 1,000 Christian workers around the globe by sending teams of volunteer computer technicians to conferences where Christian workers gather for training and fellowship. At M5M we believe Christian workers are most effective when using computing technology that is current, well managed, and professionally supported. Christian

workers often encounter technical problems that inhibit their effectiveness. Many of Christian workers are ill-equipped to solve their computing technology problems and feel technologically stranded. The volunteers of M5M find great joy in serving God by serving others with our talents and skills. We deliver God's grace in one of its various forms (1 Peter 4:10) – computing technology support.

- **Corey** | corey@mark5ministries.org

Corey has a PhD in cybersecurity. He has worked for years as a network engineer and server administrator; he currently leads the information security department for a large non-profit healthcare organization. He has had many industry certifications and has taught numerous university-level networking, security, and programming courses. Corey also has a master's degree in theology and has taught Biblical Greek for many years. He is the co-director of Mark 5 Ministries and acts as the information security adviser for a multi-agency group that works in sensitive areas. He regularly gives cybersecurity presentations to international mission audiences.

Ohio Association of CCCC | www.cccusa.com

The Ohio Association of CCCC is the Ohio regional fellowship of pastors and churches of the CCCC, the Conservative, Congregational Christian Conference. (cccusa.com, cccchio.org). Our vision statement is; Connected in Christ, Changing Communities. One of our member churches, Park Street Church in Boston MA, sent missionaries in the late 1800's to plant churches in Moravia, and Bohemia. One church that grew from those efforts is now called the Cirkev Bratrska. Cirkev Bratrska now leads evangelism, discipleship and church planting work in and around the city of Prague, Czech Republic.

- **Jeff Griffith** | (712) 209-7219 | kralupy@gmail.com

Jeff has served in church planting, church renewal, and ministry leadership for over 24 years in Czech Republic. He is married to Lisa, and they have three sons Josh, David, Jon, all of whom were born in Prague. Jeff was the gracious host for four Corban SoS teams in the city of Kralupy, and wants to recruit more ministry teams to continue the good work there.

OMF International | www.omf.org

OMF International works in seventeen nations in Southeast Asia. The organization, formerly known as CIM, was founded by Hudson Taylor in 1865. As advocates for every people group in East Asia, we encourage, enable and equip the body of Christ to serve God's purposes among them.

Pioneer Bible Translators | www.pioneerbible.org

Pioneer Bible Translators; We seek to use people with a variety of skillsets to disciple the least reached; targeting the Bibleless and churchless peoples of the world. Ask us about internships!

- **Michelle Schubert Claussen** | (509) 494-9408 | michelle.schubert@pbti.org
Michelle has been working with Pioneer Bible Translators for five years and has a heart for seeing the whole church work together to bring the hope of the Gospel to the whole world; making the Bible and the Church accessible in every language. Her cross-cultural work has taken place in East Asia, Central America, Southeast Asia, Pacific Rim, and multiple locations in West Africa. She would love to help you find how your skills and passions intersect the world's need for holistic transformation; body, mind, and soul.

SIM | www.sim.org

SIM's 4000 multi-ethnic workers seek to introduce Christ where He is least known in over 70 countries on 6 continents through a wide range of professions and ministries. Our opportunities include teams, internships, short- and long-term service.

- **Angela & Willy Brandle** | (971) 274-6870 | angela.brandle@sim.org
Angela Brandle has worked cross-culturally for 38 years in Europe, Africa and N America, as a writer, editor, translator, speaker, leader, Bible teacher and counselor. Her ministry serves 70+ countries. She seeks to inspire and empower Christians for transformative ministry. Willy Brandle has experience as a pioneer linguist, church planter, trainer, teacher of pastors, youth worker and leader. Having lived in several countries, cultures and major religious groups in Africa, Europe and North America, his true stories, anecdotes, examples and humor add life to his practical teaching for working cross-culturally.
- **Debbie Eisenhut**
Dr. Eisenhut is originally from the Salem area. She practiced medicine at Salem Hospital for more than 20 years before becoming a full-time medical missionary. She first worked at a clinic in Pakistan where she saw firsthand the healthcare needs of women and children. In 2011, she transferred to ELWA (Eternal Love Winning Africa) Hospital in Liberia. She foresaw the dangers of an Ebola outbreak in 2014 and warned the Liberian government and other health professionals. Her medical knowledge and courage were put to the test as she trained hospital response teams and cared for critically ill and dying Ebola victims. Dr. Eisenhut is currently serving with SIM in Oregon.

TeachBeyond | www.go.teachbeyond.org

TeachBeyond is a mission organization that connects individuals with opportunities to serve in educational settings all around the world. Our vision is to see classrooms, communities, and nations transformed through the power of the Gospel. While we are primarily looking for teachers and school staff, there are also other opportunities to get involved!

- **Kelsey & Josh Breese** | (971) 238-3793 | (971) 220-3901 | kbreese@teachbeyond.org
Josh and Kelsey joined TeachBeyond in 2016 when they served in Southeast Asia. Kelsey worked at a bilingual school teaching music and Josh volunteered at the International

Church. They returned to America in the summer of 2018 and continue to partner with TeachBeyond as recruiters in the Portland area.

TEAM | www.team.org

TEAM is a non-denominational mission agency whose purpose is to help churches send missionaries to establish reproducing churches among the nations to the glory of God. We work in North America and around the world to send out workers and plant churches that will do the same. We work holistically to make society-wide change with initiatives in evangelism, education, healthcare, media, community development, agriculture and whatever else God uses to open doors to share the good news about Jesus.

- **Katie Comstock** | (503) 760-3365 | katie.comstock@team.org
Katie has worked as a mission coach for TEAM for the past four years, guiding folks into serving overseas in many unique capacities. Katie's cross-cultural experiences include short term trips to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Peru, Argentina, and Mexico. She also led a summer of service team from Corban in 2016 to teach English in the Czech Republic.
- **Trudy Kutz** | (541) 554-6533 | Trudy.kutz@team.org
Trudy is a mission coach for TEAM living in Eugene, OR. She has served with TEAM in several capacities, including as a missionary to Venezuela where she taught in a MK school. Trudy has also taught ESL in China, was an instructor at New Hope Christian College in Oregon, and is on the board of ELLS International, a non-profit organization focused on training pastors and church leaders in the developing world.

Sabeel Media and SIL International | www.sil.org

SIL International is a faith-based nonprofit organization. Founded in 1934, SIL is currently involved in over 1,660 active language projects, representing 1.07 billion people in 162 countries. Inspired by God's love, we advocate, build capacity, and work with local communities to apply language expertise that advances meaningful development, education, and engagement with Scripture. We long to see people flourishing in community using the languages they value most.

- **Stephen Coats** | stephen_coats@sil.org
At the age of 4, Stephen M Coats moved with his immediate family to Yemen, where he spent his formative years enjoying the sights and sounds of Yemen's rich culture and heritage. He is an International Media Consultant with SIL International and Director of Sabeel Media. With a lifelong passion for spirituality, he tells uplifting stories through media arts. He has a degree in Communications: Radio/TV/Film from Biola University 1994.

WBT/SIL | www.wycliffe.org

Wycliffe Bible Translators believes the Word of God can transform lives when people hear it in a language and form they understand best. Today, about 2000 people groups, 150 million people, are

still waiting for access to translated Scripture, and Wycliffe is passionate about partnering with them to make that a reality.

- **Scott and Ruthie Clark** started their work in Cameroon in 1986 where they did church planting among the Fulbe/Fulani people with the Cameroon Baptist Convention for 15 years. Realizing the discipleship need for a complete Bible in the Fulbe language, but in the Arabic script, they joined Wycliffe/SIL in 2005. The Bible was completed and dedicated on May 5, 2018. Scott is now a Scripture Engagement consultant to the unreached peoples in the Sahel area (just South of the Sahara). This area has over 200 million people, more than 225 languages; only 5 of those languages have the complete Bible.
- **Trudi Pleis** | (503) 484-7998 | trudi_pleis@wycliffe.org
Trudi has worked with Wycliffe for 38 years, bookkeeping in Papua New Guinea and Cameroon, Africa and Literacy principally in Burkina Faso and also Togo and Benin. She now works from home in recruitment.

World Venture | www.worldventure.com

For nearly 75 years, WorldVenture has been a family of believers reaching the world for Christ. Each member is a catalyst for the Gospel in the 63 countries where they work. Their work is holistic, leveraging social inroads within the arts, media, business, education, government, science and agriculture, church outreach, and family and medicine to speak good news diversely and relevantly to each culture.

- **Tim Hall** | (720) 288-6104 | t.hall@worldventure.com
Tim was born in Colorado and grew up loving and living for basketball. He attended Colorado State University on a full-ride BB scholarship. His freshman year, he came to Christ through the Navigators, and the priorities of his life began to change. After college, he played basketball for Athletes in Action a ministry of CRU. His AIA team was considered the best amateur squad in the nation and represented the US in prestigious tournaments overseas. While traveling to various venues around the world, the Lord was convincing Tim and his wife that they should think about missions. Tim left the team after six years to attend Denver Seminary. After that, he took his family to Italy where they planted churches and evangelized Italians for 27 years. Now, Tim is a recruiter for WorldVenture and is passionate about sending students abroad to see the differences in cultures and the opportunities to advance the Gospel.